



**54th ANNUAL
YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL DAY
Saturday, May 20, 2017
North Bend State Park**

Dear Youth Environmental Program Participants:

You are invited to be our guest on this special occasion! Youth groups from throughout the state will gather to participate in the planned events and receive much deserved awards for their community service environmental projects.

VERY IMPORTANT!! Due to budget constraints, those desiring to camp will be required to pay 50% of the camping fee to North Bend State Park. Electric sites will be \$13 per night and non-electric sites will be \$11.50 per night, plus tax. Please call North Bend State Park at 304-643-2931 and ask for "camping reservations for Youth Environmental Weekend, May 19 and 20." All campsites, electric and non-electric, will be reserved directly through North Bend State Park on a first-come first-served basis.

The Park will be making some much-needed improvements to River Run Campground (electric sites) this spring. This will include drainage, grading and seeding; therefore, you will be unable to park on the grass. Vehicle and camping trailer parking will be limited to hard surfaces only. There will be strict limitations to one camping trailer and one vehicle per site. Additional vehicles will be required to park at the pool parking lot. No exceptions will be made. These sites will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis for \$13 per night plus tax.

Non-electric sites will still be available around the pond area. These will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis for \$11.50 per night plus tax. There will be a limit of three camping units per site in this area. Additional non-electric sites will also be available at the old playground area, now called Base Camp, midway up the hill from the pool. These non-electric sites will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis at no charge.

Electric campsites will also be available at Cokeley Campground in Harrisville. These sites require parking on hard surfaces only and will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis for \$13 per night plus tax. There are plans to have a shuttle for those camping at Cokeley to the Shelter 3 area at North Bend State Park for the Youth Environmental Day activities. The shuttle will start Saturday, May 20, leaving Cokeley at 8:30 a.m., making trips every half hour until 3 p.m., when the last shuttle will leave the Shelter 3 area.

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- **FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM AT SHELTER 3** will begin at 7:45 p.m. DEP Environmental Coordinators will feature youth group projects from each of their districts.
- **A MOVIE** will follow the program on Friday night.
- **YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CLUBS ON PARADE HAT CONTEST!** Once again, we are asking youth groups to make parade hats to wear when walking the parade route to shelter #3 during Saturday morning opening ceremonies. The group selected as having the best parade hats will receive an award. Please mark the space provided on the attached form if your club will be participating.
 - The parade will line up at the Information Booth at 10 a.m. Saturday morning and proceed to the shelter at 10:30 a.m.
 - **\$150 Best Parade Hat Award**, made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo and DuPont Washington Works, Wood County, will be presented at the end of the day.

- **OPENING CEREMONIES SATURDAY MORNING TAKE PLACE AT SHELTER 3** and will begin immediately following the parade. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the Parade Color Guard and the National Anthem will be sung by Ms. Lindsay Harris from Mineral Wells.
 - Presentation of the Rick Vecellio Memorial Conservation Scholarship will be featured.
 - A few Individual poster and essay awards will be presented before lunch.
- **SPECIAL GUESTS** invited to attend this special event include Kelley Gillenwater, Communications Director and other Department of Environmental Protection employees; Sandra Maynard, External Affairs Specialist, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo; Robin Ollis-Stemple, Regional Public Affairs Consultant, Chemours Washington Works, Wood County as well as all other award sponsors; Smokey Bear, Ralph the Recycling Raccoon, Roady the Adopt-A-Highway mascot.
- **A FREE HOT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED SATURDAY!** Lunch, provided by Windmill Catering of Mineral Wells, will consist of hot dogs, barbeque sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, cookies, water and iced tea. Make your lunch reservations on the attached form. **Please be accurate in your count for lunches.**
 - Each participant may have two sandwiches. Several serving lines will be set up to minimize the wait.
- **SCHEDULED EXHIBITS** include DEP REAP, Homeland Security/Emergency Response Unit, Air Quality, Division of Forestry, National Park Service, Natural Resources Police with Eddie Eagle, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and others.
 - **Exhibit Scavenger Hunt** forms will be available at the Information Booth. Drop your completed form in the box also located at the Information Booth to be eligible for **prize drawings**.
- **AWARDS PRESENTATIONS WILL CONTINUE** Saturday afternoon starting around 1 p.m. at Shelter 3.
- **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES** following the awards presentations include a hike on the North Bend Rail Trail, a fishing derby at the pond (with prizes being awarded), a volleyball game and a recycling craft at Shelter 3. Sign-up sheets for these activities will be at the Information Booth.
 - Bike rentals are available at the North Bend Campground attendant's building.
 - Boat rentals are available at the North Bend Marina. Call 304-299-1768 for details and reservations.
- **SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE STARTING AT 8 P.M. AT SHELTER 3!!** Dance Chaperones can easily be identified by fluorescent **Youth Day Staff** badges, should any assistance be needed.
- **INSURANCE IS A REQUIREMENT!** All Youth Environmental Day participants that do not have camping insurance should take advantage of the medical expense excess plan made available through Nationwide. Please indicate your insurance needs on the attached form. **Please do not send cash!**
 - **21¢ per person per day**, no deductible. Benefits include \$25,000 overall maximum medical expense, \$10,000 maximum accidental death and \$20,000 maximum per specific loss.
 - Youth group leaders please forward a check or money order for the total amount of insurance needed. **Please make your check payable to DEP.**
- **FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS**, skates, skateboards, hoverboards and bicycles are not allowed under the shelter. **Also, all pets must be kept on a leash.**

Please call 304-926-0499, Extension 1659 or email dep.yep@wv.gov if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Diana Haid, Program Manager
Youth Environmental Program

**54th Annual
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Reservation Form
North Bend State Park
Saturday, May 20, 2017**

Please return reservation to: Department of Environmental Protection
PIO Youth Environmental Program
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2017

NAME OF YOUTH GROUP _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ COUNTY _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ DAY _____ EVENING _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ LUNCHES FOR OUR GROUP.

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_____ WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE RECYCLED PARADE HAT CONTEST

INSURANCE IS 21¢ PER PERSON PER DAY. Complete the following information and include payment.

WE WISH TO INSURE _____ #PEOPLE FOR _____ #DAY(S). AMOUNT \$ _____

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO THE: **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

INSURANCE IS NEEDED FOR EACH DAY YOU ARE AT NORTH BEND STATE PARK.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!